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FIELD ACTIVITY

Water Sampling (Gerald Heston)

Two (2) homes were sampled as of noon today. Two additional homes are scheduled to be sampled this afternoon.

Dimock Executive Summary							2/2/2012
		Survey		Appointments			
	Surveys	followup	Appointments	to be	Splits with	Splits with	Sampling
Sampling Categories	Received	needed	Scheduled	scheduled	PADEP	Cabot	Done
CO&A List (21)	19	2	18	3	2	1	13
Historical Sampling (38)	36	2	35	3	13	13	14
Added on Criteria (1)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Unaccounted (9)	0	9	0	9	0	0	0
Subtotal	56	13	54	15	15	14	27
TOTALS (69)		69		69			

'Unaccounted category included homes where phone disconnected, phone calls not returned, sampling status unknown or outside published area - not counted in appointment to be scheduled

Community Outreach (Helen Duteau)

The Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) and On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Team completed one (1) additional well survey this morning and a second one is scheduled for this afternoon. The CIC continues to address questions from residents regarding the sampling process.

COMMUNICATIONS

- An updated media protocol has been sent to the field staff. In addition, the CIC is creating a file of all news coverage to date. No media calls were received in the field today. (Helen Duteau).
- On February 2, 2012, the PA liaison was contacted by Congressman Marino's chief of staff requesting a copy of the January 26, 2012 correspondence from Cabot and EPA's January 31, 2012 response which were cited in a Bloomberg article. The PA liaison provided pdf copies of the correspondence. A copy of EPA's January 31, 2012 letter was also provided to Senator Casey's staff who have previously requested updates on Dimock. (Jennie Saxe).

LEGAL ISSUES

Meeting Update

- Cabot's counsel (Lowell Rothschild of Bracewell & Guiliani) emailed ORC (Humane Zia) stating that he hoped to send a draft agenda for the proposed February 22, 2012 meeting by today. He also indicated that Cabot's next submission, which they had planned to submit tomorrow (February 3, 2012), may slip until next Monday (February 6, 2012). ORC requested that Cabot copy PADEP on future submissions to EPA, based on Scott Perry's expressed interest. (Humane Zia).
- ORC also reiterated that EPA requires Cabot's "Level 4" quality assurance information for data validation purposes. Cabot's counsel had previously asked whether EPA needed this information, as it represents thousands of pages and could be costly for Cabot to obtain such information from the labs it has used. ORC communicated to counsel that we are confirming availability for the February 22, 2012 meeting. (Humane Zia).
- Ron Borsellino talked to Scott Perry, PADEP Deputy Secretary for Oil and Gas Management regarding the tentative date for the meeting with Cabot. He explained that we will be getting an agenda from Cabot and that we would share it with PADEP and that we are asking Cabot to share the information they are providing to us with PADEP. Scott cannot make the planned meeting on February 22, 2012 but will see who else from PADEP can attend. Ron informed Scott that Region 3 ORC had also invited PADEP counsel to this meeting. (Ron Borsellino).
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